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HERE TO SAVE THE WORLD!



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Part Two: Nurtoq, the evil dinosaur from the land beneath, has followed Spikorouless Dennum to confront The Real Ghostbusters...

DINOSAURS WHO STEP AND SLIP IN ODDROUS SLIME TEND TO GET VERY CRANKY ABOUT THE ENTIRE BUSINESS.





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NURTOGI UNDERSTANDS THE MEANING BEHIND THE WORDS. AT FIRST IT TROUBLES HIM, BUT A TRICKSTER ALWAYS SUSPECTS A TRICK.



SO HE LAUGHS.



RO! RO! RO!
RO! RO! RO!
RO! RO! RO!

HE THINKS
IT'S A
TRICK!



HIT HIM AGAIN!
SPRING THE TRAP!



RAHAHAHAHA...

HE'S
FLEEING
THE POWER OF
THE TRAP, BACK
TOWARDS THE
NORTH POLE!





HASTY EXPLANATIONS ARE MADE TO PETER, WINSTON AND JANINE ABOUT WHAT HAS JUST TRANSPIRED, AND WHO SPIKE IS.

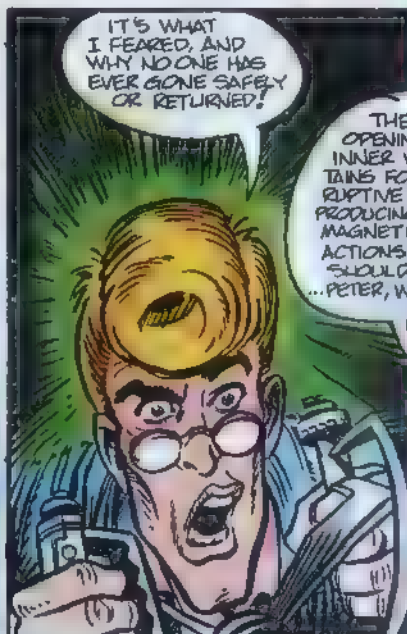


"NURTOG IS FROM A NATION FAR ACROSS OUR GREATEST OCEAN. HE AND HIS LEGION OF FOLLOWERS HAVE BATTLED MY PEOPLE FOR DECADES. WHAT YOU FOUGHT IS THE FORM HE NOW USES WHILE HIS REAL BODY SLEEPS SAFELY BENEATH HIS OWN PALACE FAR AWAY. THUS HE IS CALLED THE SLEEPING TYRANT! HE USED HIS POWER TO INVADE MY PALACE, AND THE SLAUGHTER WAS HORRIBLE. I FLED IN A SMALL CRAFT UP THE SEA OF LEGENDS USING A STAFF OF POWER TO WIN ME THROUGH."



"LEGENDS TOLD OF STRANGE BEINGS WHICH HAD COME DOWN THAT ROUTE BUT WERE UNABLE TO RETURN. FEW BELIEVED SUCH TALES. I HAD NO CHOICE. MY POWER STAFF WAS EXHAUSTED IN AN ATTACK BY ONE OF NURTOG'S FOLLOWERS. HE MUST FEAR ME GREATLY TO PURSUE ME INTO YOUR WORLD!"

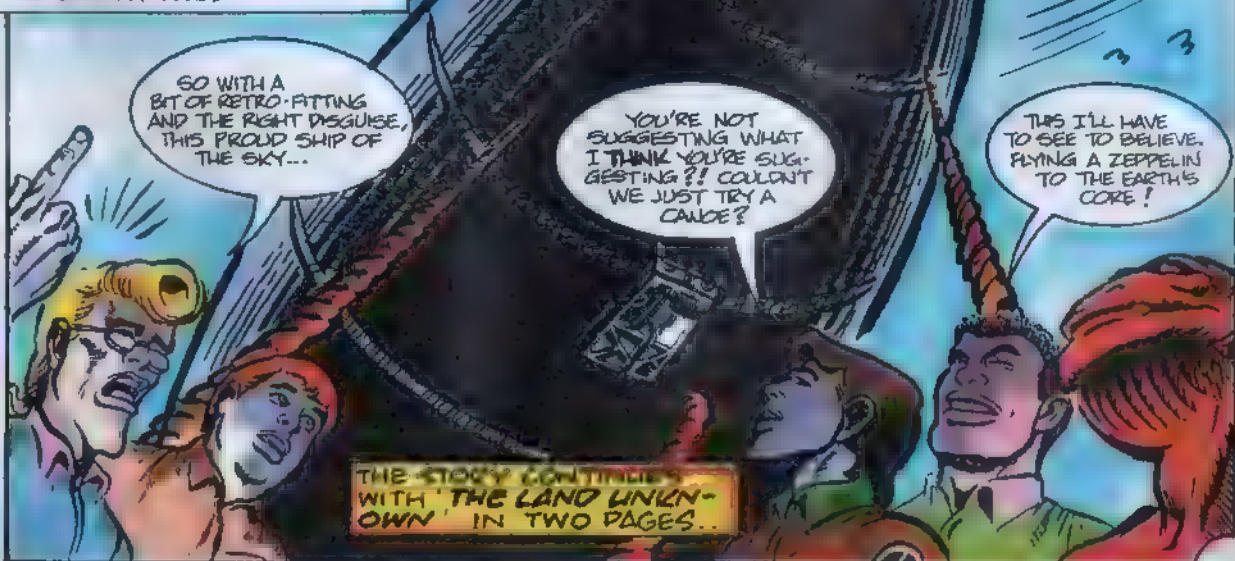
LATER, IT IS A WELL-PROVISIONED ECTO-4 WHICH CARRIES SPIKE AND THE GHOST-BUSTERS ON THEIR QUEST TO FIND THE LEGENDARY INNER WORLD, BUT UPON NEARING THE ENTRANCE, THE INSTRUMENTS IN THE POWERFUL CRAFT GO haywire!



SUDDENLY THE ECTO-4 SHOOTS STRAIGHT UP INTO THE STRATOSPHERE, AND BEYOND THE REACHES OF THE DISTURBANCE.



BACK IN LAKEHURST, NJ, A RETURN VISIT IS PAID TO THE EXTRA-RUGGED BAGGAGE ZEPPELIN COMPANY WHERE LIGHTER-THAN-AIR PLANS ARE BEING HATCHED.



THE STORY CONTINUES WITH 'THE LAND UNKNOWN' IN TWO PAGES.



October 4th is **WORLD ANIMAL DAY**, and to commemorate this special event we are giving away some fantastic prizes! It's time for all you budding artists out there to put pen to paper and show us what you can do! Three lucky first prize winners will receive a terrific cuddly tiger and a trendy tiger T-shirt from the **World Wide Fund For Nature**. And for ten runners up there will be a tiger T-shirt and fact wheel!

World Animal Day commemorates Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron Saint of animals. On this day people from all over the world are urged to do something special for, or pay tribute to, animals and the role they play in our lives.

In 1991 in the UK, the makers of Pedigree Chum and Whiskas have joined forces with the **World Wide Fund For Nature** to launch an appeal to raise much needed funds for endangered species the world over. You can help the appeal by buying special cans of Whiskas and Pedigree Chum. For every label returned **Pedigree Petfoods** will donate 1p to WWF, and there's also the chance to win £30,000 in a 'Spot the Ball' competition!

A free booklet on the Appeal, with details of all the endangered species and WWF projects, is available if you send an s.a.e. to:
World Animal Day Leaflet, Dept 228, PO Box 228,
Warrington, WA2 8SW.

How to enter: All you have to do is send in a drawing of your favourite animal, whether it is your family pet, a farm animal, a wild animal or even a bird. Make your entries as bright and colourful as possible, and when the competition has been judged, we will print the first prize winners' drawings in this comic! Send your picture along with your name and address to:

The Real Ghostbusters/Animal Day Competition
Marvel Comics,
13/15 Arundel Street,
London WC2R 3DX.

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Friday 18th October
1991

Whiskas®



THE LAND

AT A ZEPPELIN LANDING FIELD IN LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY, PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR A STRANGE VOYAGE.

IT'S IMPORTANT THAT AS MUCH METAL AS POSSIBLE BE REPLACED IN THE AIRCRAFT BY ALUMINUM, PLASTIC OR WOOD.

I KNEW THAT WE'D HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE MAGNETIC FORCES AT THE POLAR OPENING, BUT THE MAIN STRUCTURE WAS TO BE REINFORCED STEEL OR IT WON'T HOLD UNDER THE STRESS.

I'M WORKING ON A DEGAUSSING FIELD FOR THOSE SECTIONS TO NEUTRALISE THE MAGNETIC FORCES AROUND THOSE POINTS.

OH, YEAH THEY DID THAT IN WORLD WAR TWO TO KEEP SHIPS FROM SETTING OFF MAGNETIC MINES.

YOU'RE GOING TO SO MUCH TROUBLE JUST TO RETURN ME TO MY HOMELAND.

THE "EXTRA RUGGED BAGGAGE COMPANY" IS PICKING UP THE TAB BECAUSE THIS WILL BE WORLDWIDE FREE ADVERTISING FOR THEM, ESPECIALLY IF WE COME BACK! BESIDES, WE LIKE YOU, SPIKE!

WHEN I ESCAPED FROM THE LAND AT THE CORE OF THE WORLD, I NEVER DREAMED I'D ENCOUNTER ANOTHER INTELLIGENT CIVILISATION.

WHEN I WAS RESCUED BY OTHER B.I.P.E.D.S SUCH AS YOURSELVES, I WAS AFRAID I'D FLED ONE TYRANT ONLY TO FIND NEW DANGERS.

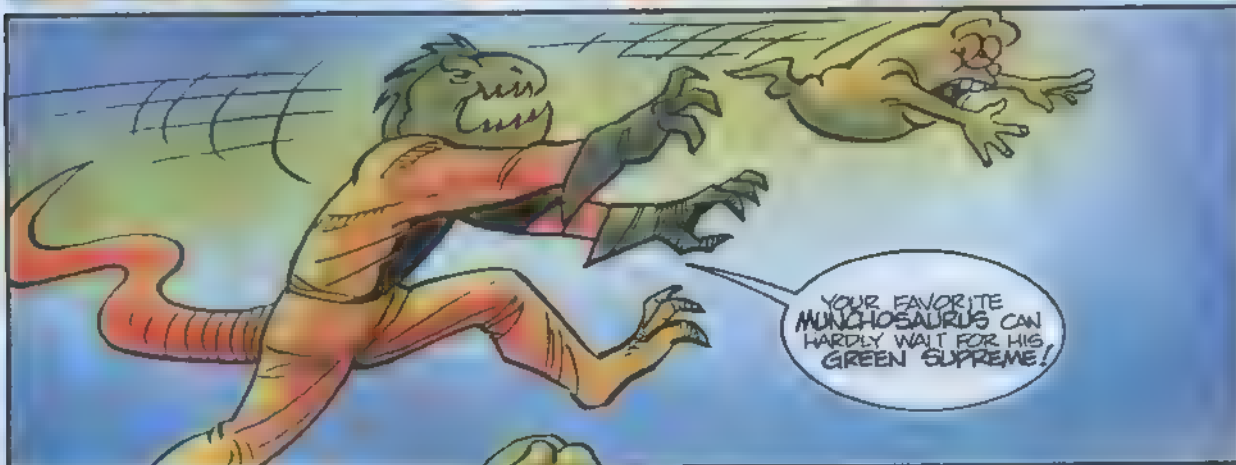
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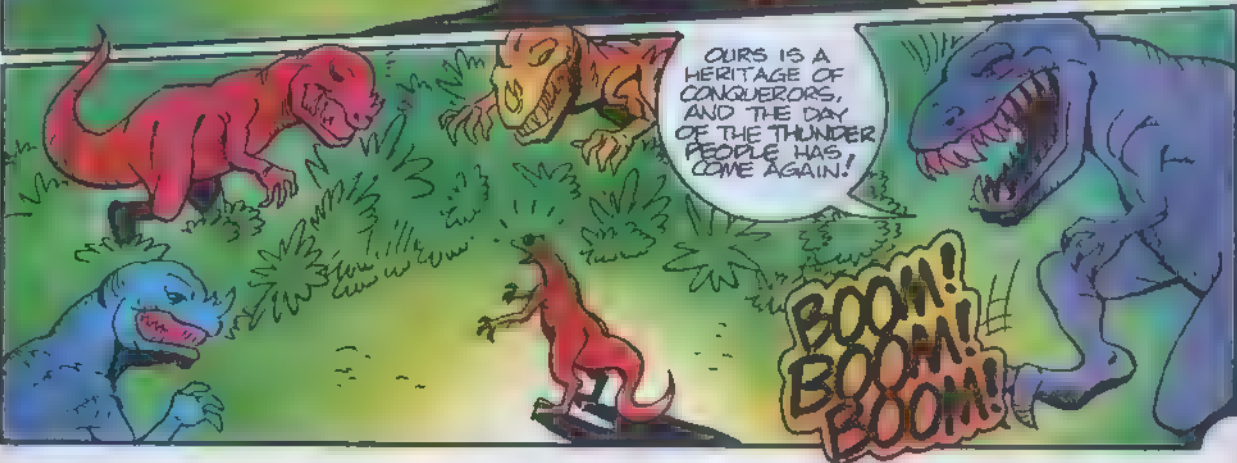
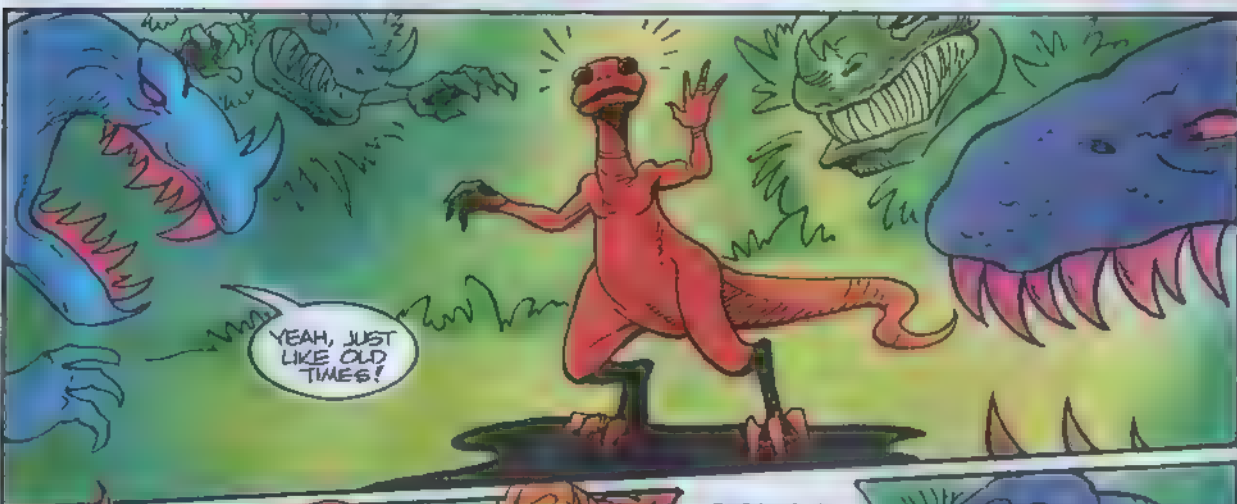
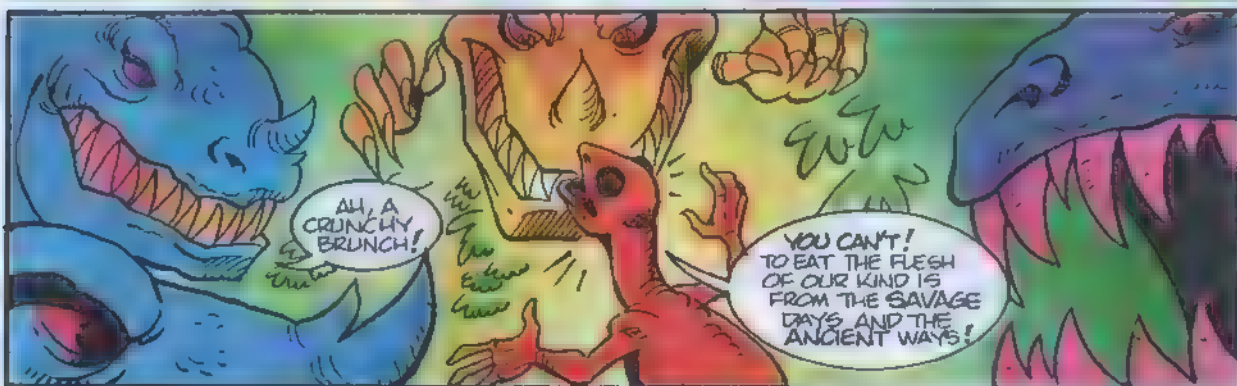
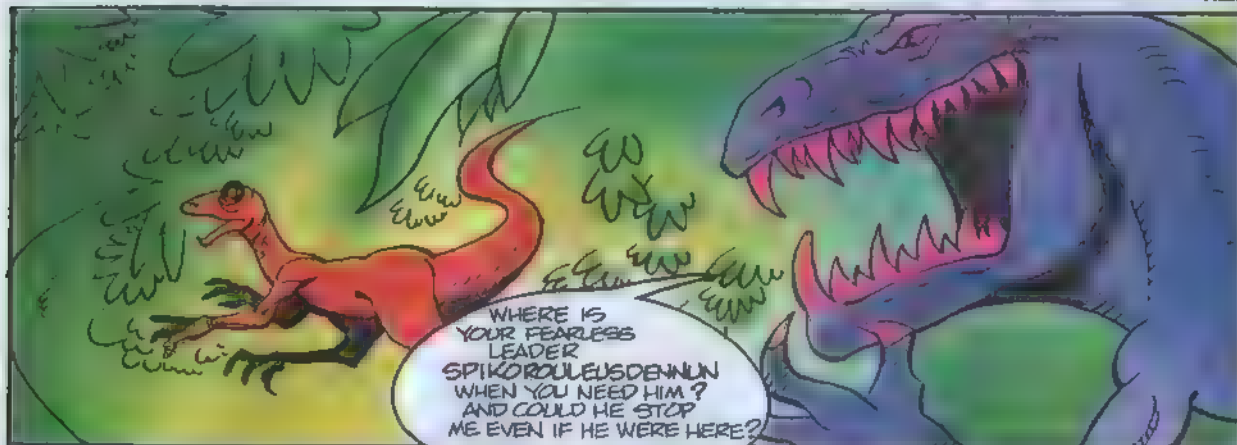
RICH RANKIN
INKS

STAFF
COLOURS

MEANWHILE, PETER IS AT WORK ON A SPECIAL PROJECT ALL HIS OWN.



BUT WHAT ABOUT THE REAL MUNCHOSAURUS IN THAT WEIRD, SAVAGE REALM AT THE EARTH'S CORE WHERE THE GHOSTBUSTERS ARE DETERMINED TO TRAVEL? (NOTE: LANGUAGE TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE NOT CONVERSANT WITH DINO-BABELE.)



BACK IN THE SOMEWHAT LESS SURROUNDINGS IN LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY, A PALEONTOLOGIST IS CHALLENGING THE GHOSTBUSTERS CLAIMS ABOUT SPIKE.

YOU CAN'T CONVINCE ME THAT'S A REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ADVANCED EVOLUTIONARY RACE OF DINOSAUR MEN FROM THE EARTH'S CORE! I'VE SEEN BETTER SUITS ON HALLOWEEN!

THAT'S NOT SPIKE!
THAT'S DR VENKMAN!

NO ONE INSISTS THAT PETER'S A REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ADVANCED EVOLUTIONARY RACE!

SO YOU ADMIT IT! YOU'VE BEEN PASSING YOUR COLLEAGUE OFF AS A LIZARD-MAN!

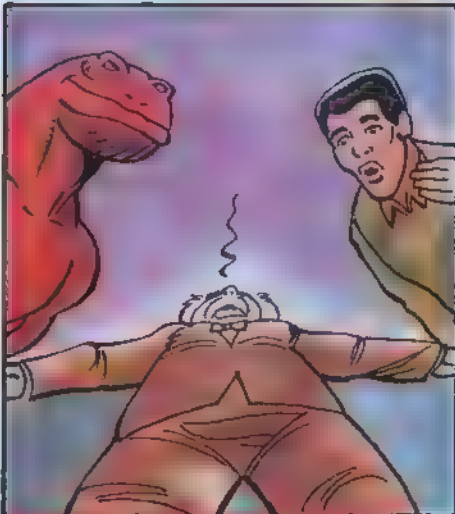
NO! SEEING SPIKOROLEUS DENNUM IS WHAT GAVE HIM THE IDEA!

ATTRACTED BY THE COMMOTION SPIKE STROLLS UP BEHIND THEM.

A CONVENIENT STORY! AS SOON AS SOMEONE WITH MY SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND COMES AROUND YOU TRY TO PLAY THIS SHELL GAME!

AND NO WONDER! LOOK AT THIS! TOTALLY UNBELIEVABLE! IT LOOKS LIKE ALLIGATOR HIDE DYED RED! AND THESE TEETH! THIS SILLY MASK!

SM
EK!



Next week: Can Spike escape Nurtog's palace?

SLIMER!

IMPROVING BUSINESS

RAFAEL IS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHY HIS RESTAURANT DIDN'T MAKE MORE MONEY THIS WEEK.

MUMBLE, MUMBLE, MUMBLE, CARRY THE TWO..

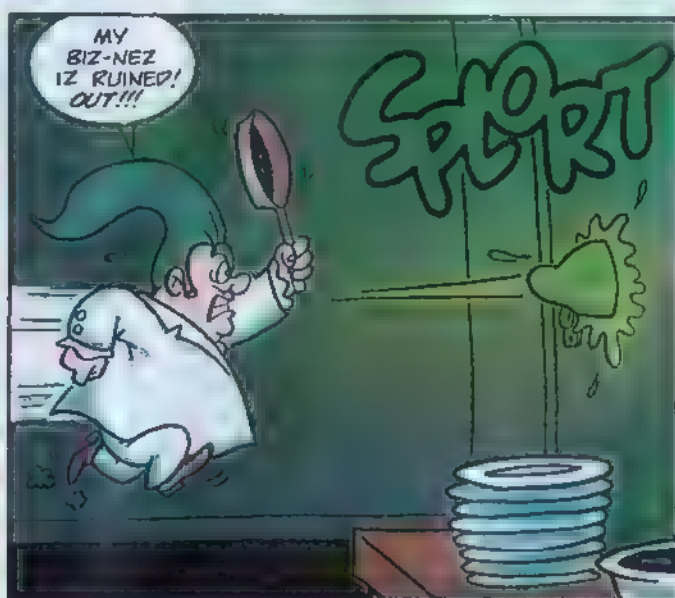
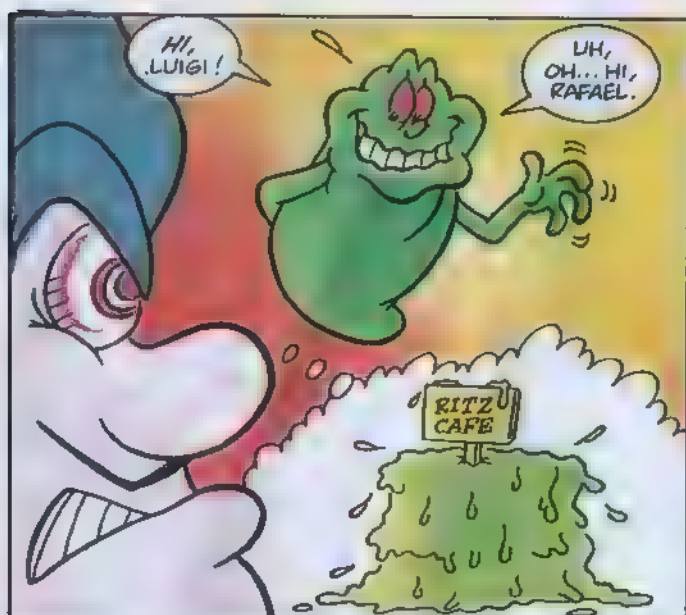
SMELLLLLS GOOD!

LA-LA-LA
LA-LA LA-LA-
LA-LA-LA

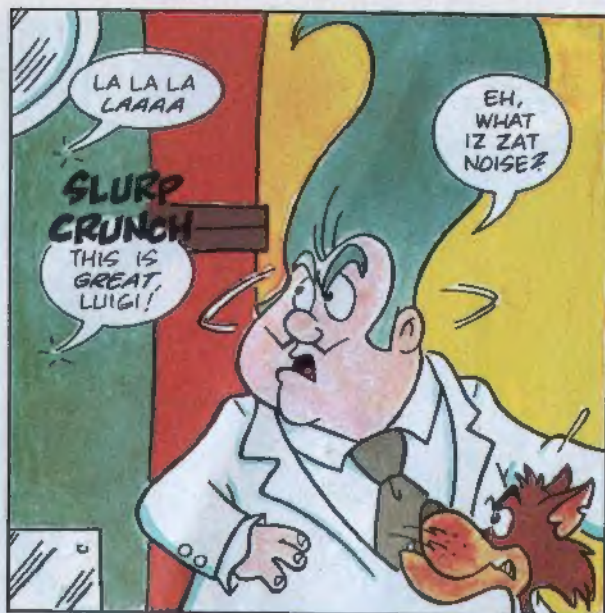
CHOP CHOP CHOP

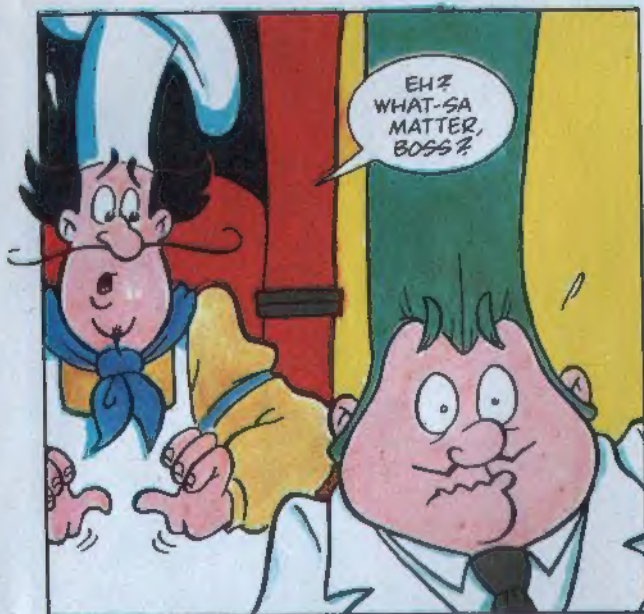
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Next week: Rafael's restaurant is in ruins!



If you love puzzles then prepare to join the latest craze which is about to sweep the nation! They're called *Happy Cubes* and *Weetos* and *Marvel* have got together to give away 20 sets to lucky *Real Ghostbusters* readers. Each set contains six puzzles, with each individual cube a different colour to indicate their varying degrees of difficulty. If you're feeling particularly clever, you can combine the pieces of the six puzzles to make the most difficult puzzle of all – a star, strictly for the real boffins amongst you!

READERS' OFFER

20 PRIZES!

All you have to do to win one of these fantastic brain-teasers is put your name and address on a postcard and send it to:

**REAL GHOSTBUSTERS
WEETOS COMPETITION,
MARVEL COMICS,
13/15 ARUNDEL STREET,
LONDON WC2R 3DX**

The first 20 lucky entries out of the bag will be the winners. The closing date is *18th October 1991*, so get cracking!

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